EQUITABLE BAITLE TO-DAY.

HYDE MEN SAY THEY HAVE IN-DISPUTABLE CONTROL

of the Board of Directors-Company I ventually to Be Min nalized-President Alexander States Lifs Case and a Reinder is Made I rom the livde fide -No Oler for Centrel, Says Scala.

A hattle for the con'rol of the Equitable Life Assurance Society is likely to be fought afternoon, when a special meeting of the board of directors will be held to first officers. The followers of President es W. Alexander will line up against tle forces of Vice-President James Hazen Hyde in an attempt to gain what they have demanded in a petition signed by most of the officials of the society, the represent of Mr. Hyde and the enfranchisement of the policyholders.

Considering the fact that Mr. Hyde and his mother and sister own 51 per cent. of the slock of a company which is capitalized at only \$100,000, but which has assets of ver \$.00,000,000, and that their control of the stock is believed to extend far bewond a necessary majority; considering e monetary strength of the men involved on both sides and the possibilities of a revolution in the financial affairs of an insurance company which has 660,660 policyholders, the si uation has become me which Wall Street and the whole country watches with interest

James Hazen Hyde, who is known even aming those who don't watch their ticker or insure their lives as the giver of the us fincy dress hill at Sherry's, is asked, at the age of 20, to give up his place of bonor in the company founded by Henry Baldwin Hyde, his father, because, according to the retition of officehoiders in the company, "his reclection as vice-presdent and acting president in the absence of the president, with all the powers he has exercised, would be most prejudicial to the welfare and progress of the scelety and the conservation of the trust funds held for the benefit of our rolleyholders." His "prominence in v rious ways and his acts as vice-president" are such, the petitioners declare, as to create misgivings as to the conservatism of the society's man genent and injure its business. Then it is asked that the power to elect the board of directors be transferred from the stockiders to the relicyhelders, each holder of a \$5,000 reliev to have one vote.

HYDE MEN SAY THEY HAVE THE VOTES. Such is the state of affairs which the directors of the Equitable face to-day. Fifty-two names are in the directorate, but one of these, William H. Buldwin, Jr., is dead. Two or three others, including Levi P. Morton and Jame: J. Hill, are absent from the city. There were a dozen guesses yesterday as to the numbers which each side would be able to marshal. It was asserted by one of Mr. Hyde's followers that the vice-president would have thirty-eight votes, including his own. The list was

Louis Fitzgerald, Chauncey M. Depew. Louis Fitzgerald, Chauncey M. Depew, William A. Wheelock, H. C. Deming, Cornelius N. Biss, George H. Squire, C. B. Alexander, V. P. Snyder, A. J. Cassatt, John Jacob Astor, William H. Mc19tyre, Brayton Ives, Braish Johnson, M. Harriey Dodge, D. O. M. Lis, George F. Wilson, T. De Witt Cuyler, A. W. Krech, J. S. De Navarro, M. E. Ingalls, James H. Hyde, Jacob H. Schiff, James J. Hill, Charles Stewart Smith, Heary C. Frick, John J. McLook, H. C. Hiarstick, David H. Moffat, Sidney D. Pipley, John Sloane, E. H. Harrman, Alfred G. Vanderbült, T. Jeferson Coolinge, August Belmont, thomas P. Eckert, C. Ledyard Islair, Joseph T. Low, H. K. Willstrop.

The Hyde forces claimed none of thes, while the Alexander party insisted that the majority list would be proved incorrect

PRESIDENT ALEXANDER STATES THE CASE. Those who wish to have Mr. Hyde re-tained in his present position-or be eleso specific as to its strength, expressed idence in a victory for its petition, beent Alex nder himself issued this

President Alex normaling:

"So much has become I unic, contrary to
my wishes and efforts concerning the movement to give the policy holders of the
Equitable late Assurance Society the contr | of the company that a statement of the resition of the cureers has become

necessary.
"The clicy holders need have no anxiety the school of the sch about the present conduct of the science, as after a from a relong of its annu 1 st tenent, just rublished.
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If now rests in \$100,000 stock carpital, a majority of which is under the central of James H. Hyde, the vice-fresident.

"It needs no argument to demonstrate but such a rower in the hands of one man ir ught with danger in the future. minent o unsei, in mery, William B. ath wer, William G. Guthrie, Adrian line, former Judge William N. Cchen

nd there's E. Hughes have given an or in-n that there is a reaedy by action of the oard of directors who on legally and anstitutionally so amend the capter as to invest the policy holders with the right

the board has been advised by all the present owner of a majority of the by holders is necessary, and at the next the board the question will

"All imputations of personal motive to myself and my brother officers are attempts he main question, and have no The movement was not begun until it

was known that the opinion of the best minds in life insurance, the experienced heads of insurance departments, grave and disinterested directors of the company, demanded a change to the natural and ightful owners of the more than \$400,000,000 dissets and \$1.500,000,000 of insurance, of the control of those vast interests now held

one man, with all the possibilities in-vidin such an indefensible position. "All talk of 'factions' is delusive and and tank of factions is declared and seading. The so-called faction is the dry of experienced officers, many of them the service of the society for twenty, but and even forty years, the whole dry of the policy holders, and the agents

So far as I am personally concerned, may be discussed from consideration except as to the high responsibilities of a obvious y righteous cause.

"I have no personal ambition and seek no personal control. The policy hoders and their families are the objects of my solicitude, and I have no doubt that the voice of these policy hoders and of sound public opinion will be listened to."

ON BEHALF OF MR. HYDE. It was expected that Mr. Alexander's statement would draw fire from the other camp in the form of something from Mr. livde. It was said at the vice-president's office carly in the afternoon that a state-

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ever. An anonymous but semi-oficial statement was given out last night. It purported to explain the position taken by the interests supporting Mr. Hyde in the board of directors, and read thus:

'The who else in the head of which nominally, is James W. Alexander is practically planned by Gage E. Tarbell, second vice-president and George T. Wilson, third vice-president, who are the active men running the company through the agency running the company through the agency directors, over whom they have super-vision and contro'. Outside of President vision and contro'. Outside of President A exander, Secretary A exander, Tarlell, Wison, Jordan and Jackson, the signers of the petition are sa aried cerks, hardly any of whom receive more t an \$5,000 sa arv. All of these have been promised positions with another ife insurance company. The Hyde party recognizes the move as an attack on the integrity of every member of the board of directors and an attempt to oust them from the management by this change in the method of voting, which would allow the practical control to be operated through those who would control the agencies and the proxies of policy hoders.

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"It will be observed that no charge of mismanagement has been made.
"James W. Alexander was the trustee of the Henry B. Hyde eatate. James H. Hyde has never voted the stock of the estate. Mr. Alexander has always voted it.
"Mr. Hyde takes the attack as a personal one on himself or else upon the board of directors which Mr. Alexander, controlling the Hyde voting power put into office.

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"The Hyde party claims that this move to put the voting power in the hands of the policy holders, instead of being a wise mutualization of the compranys and operating as it should upon its management, would place the control in the hands of the agency directors, who are controlled by Wilson and Tartell. Another company was, under a former management, nearly wrecked by a similar line of procedure. We have positive information that at no meeting do more than 500 policy holders usually vote and that at the last meeting only 187 votes were cast.

President Alexander and Mr. Hyde attended the tri-weekly meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors yesterday. There was no evidence of war.

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"James H. Hyde, upon whom the attack is made, has had sixteen years of practical experience and was trained by his fatter." MR. HYDE IN CONFERENCE.

According to the statement quoted, Mr. According to the statement quoted, Mr. Hyde legan learning the insurance business at 13. A more important fact concerning his are is that the trusteeship of James W. Alexander will end when Mr. Hyde is 30 years old. That, it is said, will be in a few months. He will then have untrimmelled control of the Hyde holdings in the Equitable. It was pointed in by one of Mr. Hyde's friends yesterday that if the Alexander supporters had not brought of Mr. Hyde's friends yesterday that if the Alexander supporters had not brought their war until after the vice-president's thirtieth birtuday they would have had less chance of success than they have at present. It was insisted by members of the Hyde party that Mr. Hyde has always shown a spirit of fairness toward the directorate. He offered to place the Hyde estate noldings in the hands of the directors for voting purposes for five years. This offer was declined, but the reasons for the declination were not given yesterday.

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In preparation for to-day's struggle, Mr. Hyde was in conference most of yesterday with his legal adviscus and his friends in the directorate. His personal counsal a Samuel Untermyer, but he will have the egalscryices also, it was said, of Elihu Root, John G. Johnson of Phiadelphia and Joan J. McCook, With Mr. Hyde in the conference is were Jacob H. Schiff, Aurust Belmont, Mr. Untermyer and others. Mr. Schiff study a statement last night in reasont sued a statement last night in realization to is position in the contest and the sale of conds by his firm (Kuhn, Loeb & Co.), to the Equitable. The statement, which is n the third person, says:

NO OFFER FOR THE STOCK SAYS SCHIPP. "He, Mr. Schiff, first learned some twelve "He, Mr. Schiff, first learned some twelve days ago of the trouble which was brewing, when he was called upon by counsel for Mr. Alexander, who advised him of Mr. Alexander's determination to oust Mr. Hyde from the control of the company through a movement to transfer the control to the policy-tolders. Mr. Schiff from the outset doclared himself as unqualifiedly in favor of participation by the policyholders in the control of the society, insisting, however, that this should and must be brought about in a dignified, orderly and just manner.

elect a board of trustees of their own making; those opposed to Mr. Alexander insist that if the policy holders participate in the control they should be enabled to vote untrammed ed by the interference of the x-cutive officers, and that the latter be elected by and be responsible to the board of trustees, without the latter beginning to the board of trustees, when they have made the

k Co., Mr. Schiff says, that, though a mem-ber of the finance committee, he is not and to be reached to morrow evening her of the inance committee, he is not and has consistently declined to become a member of the executive committee, which is alone empowered to make the purchases of securities on behalf of the society; that whatever dealings he firm has had with the Equitable Society have been most advantageous to the latter. If his firm has nany more millions during the same period other insurance campanies, in which

No offer, Mr. Schiff savs-as has been rublished—has at any time been made by him to Mr. Hyde for his majority stock-holding in the Equitable foreity; to the contrary, Mr. Schiff has insisted throughout that if the stockholding were to be dealt with, nothing must be done with it except its retirement by the Fouriable Assurance Society itself under authority of law.

Men close to Mr. Hyde and his advisers said yesterday that the Equitable would be mutualized, but the Hyde party in-tended to proceed along lines of its own choosing if it defeated the petitioner

The Weather.

The area of high pressure which was central which pas over the cast Gulf States on Tuesday, had backed incidents. into the central valleys yesterday, giving way to the low pressure from the upper Lake regions, which moved into the New England States with. out creating any marked disturbances. The pressure was high over all the country west of the Alleghany Mountains, except where low areas

were becoming apparent over North Dekota and in the extreme Southwest. The temperature has risen in all the Atlantic costs and Gulf States, the Ohlo Valley and the wer Lake regions, and has fallen in the middle and apper Mississippi and Missouri valleys and upper Lake regions. Freezing weather extended yesterday morning as far south of Jacksonville. Fla., and southern Texas. The region of zero temperature and below covered the upper Lake regions. the upper Mississippi and Missouri velleys and the region south to St. Louis and central Kansas. Snow fell in western Pennsylvania, New York

and the New Engladd States, and rain in southern In this city the day was fair and warmer, with occasional snow flurries: wind light to fresh north-westerly: average bumidity, 75 per cont.: barome-ter, corrected to read to sea level, at 8 A. M., 30,00;

official thermometer, is shown in the annexed

WASHINGTON FORECAST FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW

For western Pennsylvania and western New York, fair and not so cill to-day: to-morrow, anow iresh southwest to west winds.

For New England, fair and somewhat colder to-day: to-morrow, fair and warmer; brisk northwest winds, diminishing.

Schwanzana testined that from in St. Louise to own in Chicago and in Europe.

Several other witness a were heard during the day, but nothing important was disclosed. Coroner Hofmann announced

disclosed. Coroner Hofmann announced winds, diminishing with the expert medical testimony would not be presented until next Monday. The interest was not without a pleader, how-

on the organization of the society, which is largely represented in the petition?" was asked.
"On Mr. Hyde is not for reprisals," was the answer. "The victors would be content with chopping off one head."
Mr. Alexander and his followers claim a precedent for the action they propose, pointing out that the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company did virtually the same thing in 1902, wi en it mutualized its manthing in 1902, when it mutualized its man-agement by securing the passage of a legis-lative act by which the directors and stock-holders averted the possibility of future control by an individual or faction holding

control by an individual or faction holding a majority of the stock.

Under this act the Me'ropoli'an's board of directors must consist of more than thirteen and less than twen'y-five members, at least two-thirds of whom shall together hold, in their own right, or in a representative capacity, a majority of the capital sock, and the remaining third may be holders of life or endowment policies, each raying an annual premium of at least \$100 or being entitled to an annuity of at least \$100 or being entitled to an annuity of at least \$100. Each stockholder has one vote for directors for every share of stock he owns and every insured person paying \$100 premium or diawing \$100 annuity has a vote.

It was reported yesterday that those who oppose Mr. Hyde may present at to-day's meeting a petition in which they declare that they will resign if he is reelected vice-president.

President Alexander and Mr. Hyde at-lended that they weakly meeting of the execu-

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shadowed a bill to provide new battleships instead of cruisers, which the Reichsteg refused in 1900; seven new torpedo divisions and possibly seven small cruisers. Herr von Tirpitz said that experience in the Far Last confirmed the fundamental principle of the German programme that the navy's strength lay in battlesnips.

severely criticised naval expansion, de- | self. claring they saw no need for it. They denounced the Government for not checking | Terpening of the Alexander avenue s athe agitation of the Navy League.

Herr von Tirpitz admitted that the league's programme was too far reaching, and said he would try to influence it to moderate its demands, but he maintained that a strong navy, especially in tattleships, is necessary to the maintenance of

DIVORCE AT LONG RANGE. Victor Bugo's Granddaughter Sues Dr. Charcot, Missing Antaretle I xplorer.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PARI 3, Feb. 15.-The wife of Dr. Charcot, who is in command of the French Antarotic expedition, which has not been heard of since last April, has begun a legal action for a divorce.

Dr. Charcot is the son of the famous nerve specialist. He married, nine years ago, Jeanne hugo, granddaughter of Victor hugo, who was the divorced wife of the closest sen of the late Alphanso Dauget. Dr. Charcot is noted for the violence of

MYSTERY SHIP TO CHINA. Germans Sending Former Castle Liner to Port of Klaschan Concession.

London, Feb. 16.—The Express says that Germans have bought the former Castle line steamer Rosl, h Castle. They have renamed her Regina, painted her black and are placing on board of her large food

Move to Present It Will Be Voted on in Parilament To-day.

Special Caple Despatch to THE STN.
LONDON, Feb. 15.—In the House of Comof trustees, rather than being made the masters of the board.

"As to the statement printed in one of the morning papers, that Mr. Schiff, as a director of the society, had taken part in the purchase by the latter of a large amount to the cone for submitting the fiscal issue to the

A division on the amendment is expected

NEW CHINESE COUNCIL. Will Discuss Partleularly Country's Part in Foreign Affairs.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
PEKIN, Feb. 15. - A new Council has been formed. It is composed of high officers from the Government departments. Its particular province will be the discussion of foreign affrirs.

Another Bir Diamond Found.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, Feb. 15 .- The Premier mine, Jol annesburg, in which a 3,030 carat diamond was discovered last month, has produced another of phenomenal size. One of 334 carata has just been found in it.

Spanish Republican Anniversary. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

MADRID, Feb. 15 .- The anniversary of "What will be the effect of a Hyde victory | the proclamation of the Spanish Republic. in 1873, was celel ruted to-day in many places by means of political banquets, which passed off without any noteworthy

Chicago Pelice Instector Says the Prisoner

Admitted to Having 11 Wives. CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- Johann Hoch's "confession" to Inspector Shippy was recited to-day by the police official at the resumption of the inquest concerning the deat; of Mrs. Walcker-Hoch, the latest victim of the bigamist and suspected poisoner who died at 6480 Union avenue. The inspector told of Hoch's admission of having married eleven women, five of whom are new dead. He reviewed the prisoner's account of his movements since his marriage

to Mrs. sulia Steinbrecher in 1895. Inspector Shippy said the prisoner admitted that the fountain pen found in his trunk was his and that there was arsenic trunk was his and that there was arsenic in it. Hoch said he had the pen in hicago but burden in the corrected to read to see level, at 8 A. M., 30.00.

The temperature yesterday, as recorded by the metal thermometer, is shown in the annexed to make pullic but which will be used by the state attempts in the prosecution."

the State attorney in the prosecution. the first witness called at the inquest

now Hoca thet Mis. Walcker for the his-time in the latter's store. The witness said Mis. Walcker had an-For eastern New York, far to day and to morrow; swered an advertisement inserted by Hoch in a German new speper, in which he said be had \$8,000 and owned much property.

For New Jessey, Delaware, Maryland, the Distern New Jessey, Delaware, Ma trict of Columbia and Virginia, fair to-day and to-morrow; not so cold to-morrow diminishing northwest winds.

For western Pennsylvania and western New Schwanzara testified that Hoch in St. Louis.

WOMAN IN GRIP OF ICE PACK

FLOATING DOWN HARLEM RIVER -MAN COULDN'T PRY HER OUT.

Perilcus Rescue Ixreditions Over the Bebbling, Grinding Flees-North Frother Cock She Was-Lakes That Held her Affaat Brulsed her Badly

Capt. John R. Berry of the lumber barge John Foley, tied up in the Harlem River at the foot of 142d street, heard a woman in the river screaming for help about 9 o'clock last night. The cuptain was just about to tumble into bed, and he rusald

up on deck partly dressed. Le could see the woman out in the river about 100 feet from the bargs. She was wedged between two big cakes of ice, her head and shoulders alone being in sight The ice in the river at that point is more than a foot thick and in a bad jam. The cakes are unusually big. The whole mass was moving south with the ebb tide.

Capt. Berry hesitated only a second Then, without waiting to put on any other clothes except a pair of boots, he grabbed a long pole and leaped down on one of the big cakes that was rubbing the paint off the side of the John Foley. The floes were plenty large enough to support his weight without danger and he made his way witnout difficulty to the spot where the imprisoned woman was floating.

She was a most unconscious, being be'd in an almost viselike grip between two enormous cakes of ice, which were pinching her just below the shoulders. The captain tried to separate the two huge masses by making a lever of his pole, at the same time keeping a safe hold on the woman. Try as he would, he couldn't budge the two huge chunks. Then he set up a cry for help.

All this time the cap ain's wife had been s'anding on the deck of the lumber large. She became excited when she heard her husband's cries mingled with the screams The Radicals, Centrists and Socialists of the woman, and took to screaming her-

Policemen Thomas Gleason and Frank tion, sanding at the Madison avenue bridge at 138.h street, toward which the woman and the captain were being carried by the tide, heard the cries. They ran to the 1,2d street pier, and also without a moment's besi a ion undertook the perilcus trip over the ice cakes. One of the policemen weigaed over 200 pounds.

By degrees they made their way to Capt. Berry and the woman, and then while two of the men pried the cakes apart the third lifted her to the slippery surface. She was so exhausted that she practically had to be carried to the lumber barge. Under ordinary circumstances the trip was dangerous enough, but for three men holding an unconscious woman it was ticklish work

indeed, and very slow. The woman's cothing was frozen stiff when she was taken on toard the large. as were also the policeman's trotisms egs. The woman's shoulders and neck were hadly bruised by the masses of ice, and her nose and ears were bleeding. Py the time an ambulance surgeon had arrived ened lately. from Linco'n Hospital she had revived sufficient y to give her name. She said she was Mrs. A ice Meinbard, head cook of the Riverside Hospita', on North Brother Is and, She could not tell how she had got inte-

It was said at the hospital that yesterday was her day off. She came across to Manhattan early in the afternoon on the tugboat Franklin Edson and went to visit a of President Alexander was as follows:

Thomas D. Jordan, Samuel M. Imman, John A. Stewart, Loosett I. Lincon, Gage E. Tarleil, Marva Hughatt, H. C. Faarstick, Sir W. C. Yan Horne, James B. Forgan, J. W. Alexander and his associates desider, George T. Wilson.

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and she appeared to be dazed. She was FISCAL ISSUE TO THE PEOPLE. warming her hands, he said. It is believed that she wandered over to Gerard avenue and down the pier and fell overboard. The hospital surgeon thinks that she may have been dazed by the cold. At the North Brother Island institution she has a good reputation.

PLAY TO AID REVOLUTION.

8600 Raised at a Jacob Gerdin Benefit at the Thalia-Revolutionist Talks.

Jacob Gordin gave a benefit performance at the Thalia Theatre on the Bowery last night for the Russian revolutionists. symbolic play, "God, Man and Davil," said to be Mr. Gordin's masterpiece, was chosen for the occasion. It deals with bomely Jewish life in Russia, before the mercenary spirit began to prevail there. There is a prologue in which God and the Devil hold a poetic-philosophic discussion amid red and white lights, with a chorus of angels behind ganza curtains.

The play is realistic the Devil appearing disguised as one of the characters, who begins to corrupt the good man by means of a lottery ticket. The pious family becomes accustomed little by little to all sorts of luxu ies, and thus a sombre tragedy is worked out. The verse is full

of philosophy and humor. After the second act Mr. Gordon was called for. He came on and said a few words which are sed the enthusiasm of a very responsive audience. Then a real Russian revolutionist, by name Charles Techitlowsky, who came here from Switzerland a few weeks ago, about the time of the arrival of Madame Katherina Bresh-

kowsky, was introduced. After the two cone, ud ng acts of the play, rec. tations were given by the actors. More than \$600 was raised, which is to te sent at cance to the Russ an sir ke headquirters be lau to aid the revolutionists in carrying out yard.

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RUMORS OF PEACE REVIVED.

PARLIAMENT HEARS OF EARLY ENDING OF THE WAR.

Report Streads Through the Labbles, Lixing Two Weeks as Limit of the Strusgle in the Far Last-Negotiations for Russian Loan Said to Have Stopped

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, reb. 15 .- The Exchange Telegraph Company says that rumors of the early conclusion of peace between Japan and Russia are widely prevalent this evening in the lobbics of Parliament. Some quarters go so far as to express the belief that peace will be concluded within two weeks. CHICAGO, Feb. 15 .- The Daily Neigh tonight publishes the following calle despatch from Stanley Washburn, its correspondent

at St. Petersburg:
*Leading lankers here have received from representatives of Paris and Brussels firms information that negotiations for the Russan 'can, which was intended to be floated in March, have been suspended on account of peace pour far.ers, which, they be leve, will be begun in the spring.

"The strike spirit is still active in the Paku region and is spreading in Po and, where the allorers are openly demanding national independence,

"Nearly all the professional ec'oo's and he universities will be cosed until fall. Gen. Grodekoff, former Governor General | Fiftieth street, of the method by which Manchuria, is prominent y mentioned as Kiropethin's siccessor. Gen. Soukotin and Gen. Sork on ion are also spoken

MENACING VLADIVOSTOK.

Japan's Lifth Army said to Le Moving in That Direction.

Special Cable Despate's to THE SU TORIO, Feb. 15 .- There is reliable informa-

The Tokio newspapers have noted the continued withdrawal to the northward in northern Corea of small bodies of Russians. It is stated that the fortifications of Vladivostok have been greatly strength-Field Marshal Oyama reports the usual

number of skirmishes and bombardments. He also reports that 9,000 Cossacks, with some artillery, crossed yesterday to the left bank of the Hun River, about thirty niles southwest of Heik utai. Nine thousand Russian cavalry were

evening. Their object seems to be to out-News is awanted of the cutcome of the Russian movement. The latest information is that the \$1,000 Russians were preparing to cross the hun River near Tacha. They were accompanied last night by two smaller todies, which were patrolling the bank of the fiving.

Previous despate ies have stated that Gen. Kawamura is engaged in organizing a fifth army, which had been plentifully are the state of the recovery of his investment. Combinations a fifth army, which had been plentifully are the recovery of his investment. Combinations a fifth army, which had been plentifully are the problem of transportation must be to help the railroad to discover a means of satisfying this inevitable public requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the results of the recovery of the results of the stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement of the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement of the requirement of the requirement of the requirement of the stockholders to expect a dividend upon the requirement of the requirement of the requiremen flank the Japanese left.

a fifth army, which had been plentifully supplied with new field guns, and which would probably endeavor to cut Viadivostok off from Harbin, if not make an attack upon

LODZ STRIKE GOES ON. No Disturbances Yesterday-Lockout May

Be Declared. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Lopz, Russian Poland, Feb. 15, 10:25 P. M .- The strike situation here has not improved, but there have been no disturbances to-day. The Governor, in an inter-

view, said: "The position is most serious and very obscure. I am opposed to a lockout, as I am anxious that the people shall not be reduced to starvation, which would lead to volence, involving perhaps hundreds. should martial law be instituted responsiutmost to avoid bloodshed. I am opposed to retaliation on the part of the owners." The Governor warmly protested against

the publication by certain German newspapers of news of alleged scenes of violence and bloodshed in the streets of Lodz, which, he declared, the correspondents themselves knew to be false. The employers are still undecided regarding the course they will pursue. There is,

however, a slightly increased tendency to support a locaout. NEW JAPANESE DESTROYERS.

Two Launched Yesterday and Another Soon to Leave the Ways.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Toxio, Feb. 13.-Two torpedo boat des'royers, built in Japan, were put in commission to-day. They have a speed of twenty-nine knots. A third des royer, named the Arare, which is of 380 tons, will

be launched soon from the Yokosuka dock-It is positively asserted that most of the Russian warships sunk at Fort Arthur, can be floated, repaired and made available for future service. It has been ascertained that the explosions by w..ich the Russians hoped to des roy them affected only their pla ing and did not damage their structural

THIRD BALTIC SQUADRON SAILS. Ice Breaker Opens Channel for Ships in Libau Earber.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LIBAU, Feb. 15 .- The icebreaker Yermak having opened a channel in the harbor the armored cruiser Vladimir Monomaca, the first vessel of the third squadron to sail, left here to-day. She was followed at intervals by the other ships of the squadron and all were well at sea by dark. It is surposed that they are going to join the fleet commanded by Admiral Rojestvensky, waich was last reported at Nossi-Be, off the coast of Madagascar.

Admiral Grand Duke Alexis and Vice-Admiral Biriloff watched the departure of the first vessels of the squadron.

Jars Seize Two Fritish Steamers.

Special Cottle Despoich to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 15 - the J ranese have captured two more British steamships on their way to Vladivostok with contral and cargoes. They are the Apollo and the The Coon & Bernheimer Co., Sole Dairibaters | Scotsman.



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quently shook their crests aboard her, made

the North German Lloyd line steamship

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than half a day late. In midocean she

swapped wireless messages with the Ameri-

can liner St. Paul, bound for Southampton,

which reported that one of her stokers,

Heinrich Frihman of Hoboken, had jumped

overboard just after she passed out of

The in-pector remarked that he did not think so, as he had searched the baggage of the women several times before and that he also had had the pleasure of going

he also had had the pleasure of going through five times the baggage of the man who had butted in.

After the examination of the baggage

was over the women, both protesting, were taken into a cabin and searched personally

hy two women inspectors. No jewelry was found in their clothing. They declared that the four bunches of rings they were were purchased in America or had paid

Some passengers by the Kronprinz Wil-helm were S. N. Harper, son of the Presi-dent of Chicago University; Ferdinand Bonn,

dent of Chicago University; Ferdinand Bonn, the German tragedian, who will appear at the Irving Place Theatre; Miss Lillie White, who is going to lecture on "how to build up the female form divine" by physical culture and dress reform; Frank Tilford, the Duke de Moro, Francis E. P. Lynde, George L. McCurdy, William A. Burnham and Judge Losenh, Devset.

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and a Good Thing, Too, for the Head of a Clant Corporation Saves Eis Own Head Only by Getting the Hest I rains in the Market-People Have the Say.

With a dummy motor car a demonstration was given last night at a meeting of the New York Electrical Society in the assembly room of the Metropolitan Street Italiway Association, at Seventh avenue and motormen are instructed. Both expenenced and green motormen took turns at the controller. It was ladies' night and many women were present. President H. H. Vreeland talked about electric railroading. Some of the things he said were:

"The world is as little interested in the man of affairs and action who gets too far ahead of the procession as in the laggard who falls behind. *Living in the future is fine, but living in

tion to the effect that when Gen. Kawamura left Tokio early this month for Corea his mission was to make an advance against Vladivostok. The route of his advance has not been disclosed.

The Tokio newspapers have noted the no olds to the public that what it wants to-day is in conduct with what it wanted yesterday. In the same breath, indeed,

yesterday. In the same breath, indeed, it will insist upon certain conditions and tran de nand results that can flow only from conditions precisely the opposite. "To-day the street surface ramonds are combined throughout Manhattan and The Bronx—but combination will not end there. I speak now not as a railroad presi-The Bronx—but combination will not end there. I speak now not as a railroad president with a business scheme in his head: I speak as a student of material conditions to other such students. The public demand for facilities, for convenient routes and cheap fares is never hushed. Concession only serves to provoke a larger demand, and at the very bottom of every question that can arise in your minds as to how you will adapt the power of electricity to the problem of transportation must be to help the railroad to discover a means of satisfying this inevitable public requirement consistently with the right of its stockholders to expect a dividend upon their largement. reported thirty miles from Liaoyang last

-call them trusts, if you rrefer-by the at the pler said to an inspector that there yery fact that they represent so great an seemed to be a lot of unnecessary searching. investment that no one man indeed, no small group of men is ever in secure and absolute control afford the best assurance that any business method has ever provided in the history of trade of the largest vided in the history of trade of the largest opportunity for men of force and brains."

"The world does not went to be pushed or jarred or thrown out of gear; it wants to be facilitated in the daily routine to which it has grown accustomed. It resents a shock; it is pleased with an accummodation; it pays for what it wants. It leaves the giver of what it does not want, though his benefaction be never so great, to the unsatisfying reward of private reflection."

unsatisfying reward of private reflection. VOTE ON COURT HOUSE SITE.

Dar Association Wants It Handy to the New Hall of Records. The Bar Association held a special meeting last night to consider the bill before bility would rest on the military to do their the Legis'ature extending the territorial limits for the new county court house above Franklin street. J. Fred Kernochan offered the winter in Morcow, whence he was sum a resolution saying that it was the desire moned by his father, who on Saturday with the saying that it was the desire moned by his father, who can inter-time a resolution saying that it was the desire of the association that the court house be erected in the immediate neighborhood be erected in the immediate neighborhood of the present court house. A substitute resolution was offered by J. H. Cohen, urging the passage of the bill, providing the new court house be erected near the present site and with easy communication with the new Hall of Recoi ds.

After a discussion of nearly two hours this resolution was adopted by a vote of 18 to 18.

Russians Say the "Frightened Fleet." Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, Feb. 15 .- The newspapers publish to-day long interviews obtained by their orrespondents at Suez with the Russian officers on their way home from Port Arthur. They show that mutual recrimination between the military and the naval officers must have assisted in causing the downfall of the fortress. The army officers refer

critically to what they call the "frightened

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